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SUBJECT: SKYLARK REMOTE SENSING PROGRAM

1. ARGENTINE NATIONAL SPACE COMMISSION (CNIE) HAS ASSURED SCICOUN THAT NASA WILL RECEIVE ALL RESULTS OF SKYLARK REMOTE SENSING EXPERIMENT, IN FORM OF COMPLETE SET OF PHOTOS. WHILE SOME PHOTOS ALREADY IN BUENOS AIRES (DEVELOPMENT AND PROCESSING TOOK PLACE IN UK), " OFFICIAL" PHOTOS WILL NOT BE READY FOR ABOUT ANOTHER MONTH, AND NASA WILL RECEIVE A SET OF THESE.

2. AS PREVIOUSLY REPORTED, GUIDANCE DIFFICULTIES LIMITED SUCCESS OF FIRST FLIGHT. COMPLETE SET OF PHOTOS WAS OBTAINED, BUT DUE TO INCORRECT ORIENTATION OF PAYLOAD, ABOUT 50 PERCENT OF AREA OF EACH FRAME IS SKY. SECOND SHOT WAS COMPLETE SUCCESS FROM OPERATION STANDPOINT. CNIE NOTES THAT FOR REASON NOT YET EXPLAINED, BLUES SEEM TO BE PREDOMINANT IN ALL PHOTOS, BUT NEVERTHELESS CONSIDERS RESULTS GOOD.

3. EXPERIMENT RECEIVED FAIRLY EXTENSIVE PRESS COVERAGE, OBVIOUSLY OF UK INSPIRATION, IN BUENOS AIRES' NEWSPAPERS, EMPHASIZING LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ABILITY OF SKYLARK REMOTE SENSING SYSTEM TO SECURE DATA WHEN AND WHERE WANTED. COVERAGE HAD DEFINITE COMMERCIAL OVERTONES, BUT, ACCORDING TO CNIE, THERE ARE NO PRESENT PLANS FOR FURTHER SKYLARK LAUNCHINGS IN ARGENTINE.

4. VANGUARD VISIT TO BUENOS AIRES ALSO ATTRACTED EXTENSIVE PRESS COVERAGE FOR BOTH VANGUARD ITSELF AND SKYLAR. IN ADDITION, EXCELLENT ARTICLE ON ERTS APPEARED IN MAJOR ILLUSTRATED WEEKLY, SIETE DIAS, EDITION OF APRIL 16, AS CONSEQUENCE OF USIS EFFORTS. REMOTE SENSING IS THEME OF OBVIOUS POPULAR AND PROFESSIONAL INTEREST IN ARGENTINA AT PRESENT, AND VANGUARD ASSIGNMENT HERE SHOULD SIGNIFICANTLY ENHANCE THIS INTEREST.
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